

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Cornelius Tanner House Survey Number: QA-487

Project: MD18A Relocated from MD 18B, Queen Anne's County Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Cornelius Tanner House, located in the rapidly developing and commercialized area just east of Stevensville on Kent Island, in Queen Anne's County, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Originally part of a larger 93-acre tract of land, the Cornelius Tanner House now occupies an approximately five-acre lot of land and consists of a late 19th-century farmhouse and two non-contributing sheds, located behind the primary resource. The farmhouse is a 2-1/2-story five-bay frame structure covered with a cross gable roof, with interior end chimneys, and projecting gables on the north and south elevations. A single-story porch, whose hipped roof is supported by wood columns with scroll-sawn wood brackets, extends across the front elevation, while a single-story kitchen ell with a corbelled chimney (stuccoed) projects off the rear wall of the main block of the house. Although the dwelling is intact and retains its original overall form and detail, it stands as a representative example of late-19th-century domestic architecture of rural Maryland and lacks the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify it for listing under Criterion C.

Further, it is not known to have any direct associations with persons or events significant to our past, and thus does not qualify for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

Prepared by: Ms. Rita Suffness, Leader Cultural Resources Group, SHA

Kim Prothro Williams April 10, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes no not applicable

Olivera Padgett April 10, 1996
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT**I. Geographic Region:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. QA 487

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cornelius Tanner House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number N. Side Route 18E

N/A not for publication

city, town Stevensville

vicinity of

congressional district

4th

state Maryland

county

Queen Anne's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas and Mrytle Tanner

street & number Route 5, Box 10

telephone no.: 410 643 5125

city, town Stevensville

state and zip code

MD 21666

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse

liber MWM150

street & number

folio 109

city, town Centreville

state

MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1 and 7.2

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400-1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500-1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	humanitarian
___ 1800-1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1875 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ___ A ___ B ☒ C ___ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Level of Significance: ___ national ___ state ___ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

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**Cornelius Tanner House
Queen Anne's County, Maryland**

Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

The Cornelius Tanner House is located in a rapidly developing part of Queen Anne's County in the area just east of Stevensville on Kent Island. The immediate environs of the property is the location of major highways and interchanges, an air landing strip, subdivision housing, fast food restaurants and strip shopping malls.

This property is a five acre remnant of a nineteenth century farm which has been largely sold off or subdivided. Only the dwelling remains on the parcel. Initially comprising about 93 acres, it was typical of the pattern of mostly small farms worked by tenants or owners on Kent Island. Agricultural practices on the island resembled those of the Eastern Shore mainland. Crops produced were dominated by grains, vegetables, orchard produce and hay. Beginning in the 1840's, farmers began producing crops especially for the Baltimore and Washington markets, aided by the development of efficient transportation networks. (In 1901 Cornelius Tanner sold land to the Queen Anne's Railroad located immediately adjacent to this property). Market crops were hurried to their urban destination by a good network of roads and rail lines and waterways.

Whereas in the late nineteenth century the landscape became more densely populated with an increase in the number of small landholdings, by the second quarter of the twentieth century agriculture in the region declined sharply as people moved from rural to urban locations to fill factory jobs.

This 5.30 acre property is the location of one historic building--a late nineteenth century farm, ell-shaped dwelling, probably constructed to replace an earlier farmhouse which was removed. This two-part structure is composed of a principal, south facing rectangular, two-and-one half story main block with a gable roof paralleling the south facing entrance facade. Two chimneys are located inside the end walls. The gable roof is interrupted by cross gables centered on both the north and south facades. They both have round-headed windows at the peaks, as do the two gable ends on the east and west elevations. The remaining fenestration is composed of two-over-two rectangular lights, although the windows in the west elevation have been covered over with vinyl siding. The sheathing of the remainder of the building is expected to continue. Most of the building is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

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Cornelius Tanner House

Queen Anne's County, Maryland

Continuation Sheet 7.2

Description

There is a full width shed-roofed porch carried on six square posts on the entrance facade. A cross gable is centered over the doorway in line with the cross gable at the roofline.

On the rear, or north facade, a one-story high gable roofed section extends from the eastern half of the main block. Three bays in length, with the roof perpendicular to the main block, it features a corbelled brick chimney inside of the north end wall. This ell wing has been extended to the east with a shed roofed addition, possibly as the result of the enclosure of a small porch. It is also currently sheathed with asphalt shingles.

Two small sheds, constructed within the last few decades, are located north of the structure.

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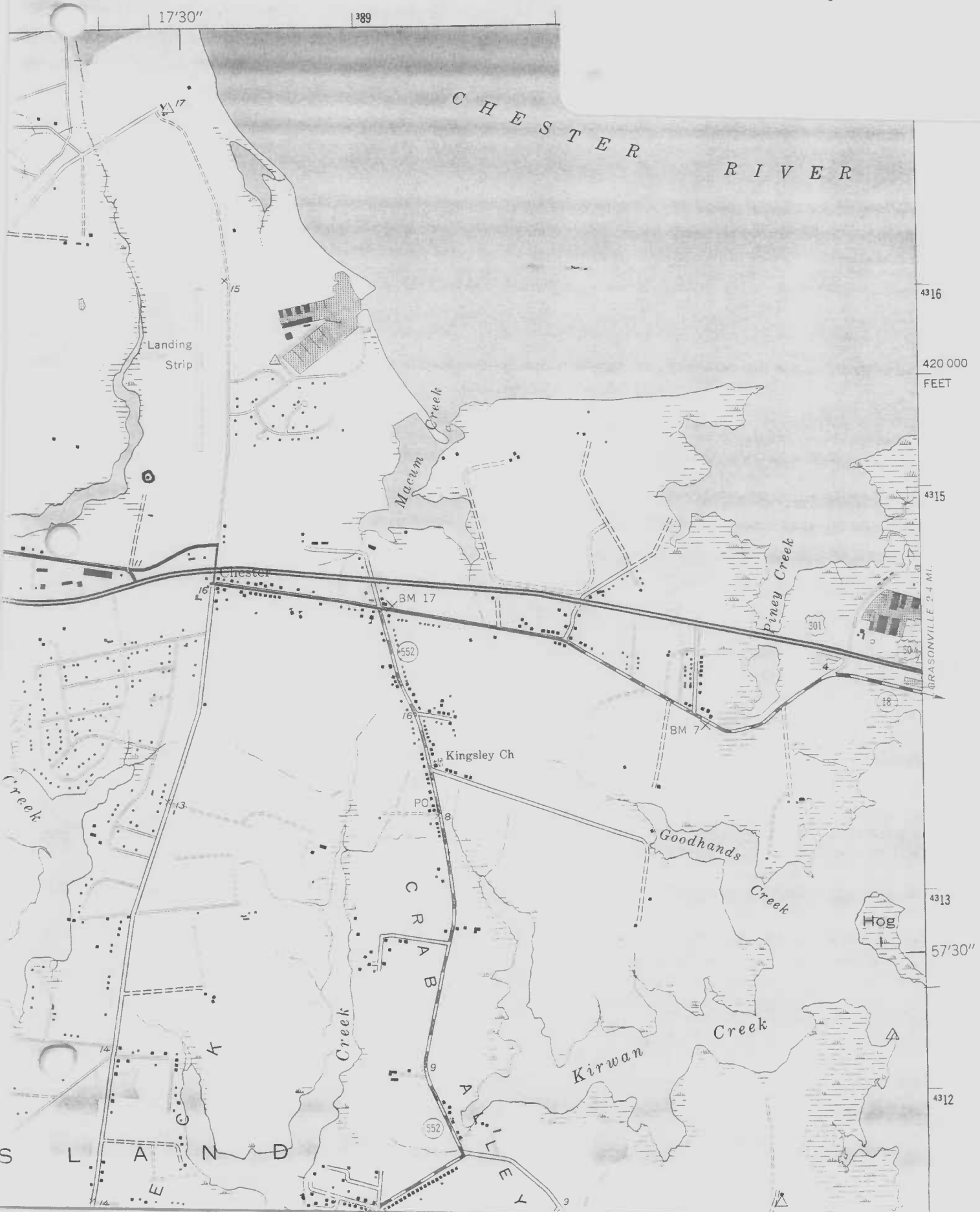
Cornelius Tanner House

Continuation Sheet 8.1

Statement of Significance

The Cornelius Tanner House, located east of Stevensille on Kent Island, is a modest dwelling which is the sole period building on a small remnant of a farm which has been subdivided, and in part sold off to developers for the fast food restaurants and strip malls located along MD 18. This frame ell-shaped frame farmhouse is very typical of the modest, balloon frame, cheaply erected dwellings ubiquitous throughout Maryland. This building type especially characterized those built on the numerous small farms which proliferated in the late nineteenth century on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

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Cornelius Tanner House
Stevensville, Queen Anne's County
Kent Island Quadrangle





GA 487

Marian Tanner Hester
Pace Anne County Md

R. Suffern 12/95

Dep - Md State Highway Admin.

Dwelling

South (Principal) Elevation

1/9.



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Marion Tanner House

Queen Anne County Md

R. Suffren 12/95

Neg- Md State Highway
Administration

Dwelling - East Elevator

219



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Marion Tanner House
Queen Anne's County Md

D. Suffern 12/95

neg - Md State Highway
Administration

N.E. Corner

3/9



QA 487

Marion Turner House
Zellen Acres County Rd

R. Siefert 12/11

neg - 3rd State Highway
Adrian, Mich

North Elevator

4/9



QA 487

Marion Tanner House

Queen Anne's County Md

to Suffern 12/45

Reg - 3rd State Hse, Wading
Administration.

N.W. Corner -

5/9



QA 487

Marion Tanner Home
Queen Anne County rd

R. Suffren 12/95
veg - 3rd State Highway
Adm. location

W. Clement

6/9



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Manson Tanner House
Queen Anne's County Md

R. Suffern 12/85
neg - Md State Highway
Administration

S.W. corner

7/9



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Thomson Tanner House

Queen Anne's County Md

R. Sniff... 1495

neg - Md State Highway
Administration

Shed, NE corner, no of dwelling

8/9



QA 487

Marion Tanner House
Queen Anne's County

R. Suffern 12/95

Neg - Md State Highway
Administration

Shed, N.E. corner, north
of dwelling

9/9